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Title:	<b>System and Method for Transferring Blanks in a Production Line</b>	Group Art Unit: 3651

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to examination as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.